

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

March 19, 2015 – 7:00pm

Location: Community Service Room Department of Human Services
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Present: Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton, Thomas Norris, MaryEllen Mateleska

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

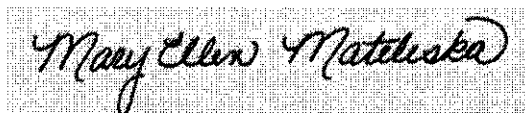
Absent: Ed Hart, Jeff Callahan, Ian Camfield, David Rathbun, Robery Yust

Guest: Residents: Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, David Madasci approximately 20 Stonington High School students

Call to order at 7:23

- Discussion on factors that should be considered when prioritizing town regions for future climate change assessments. A matrix will be created in order for task force members to identify areas with the highest potential impacts due to sea level rise.
- Task force members will work with town hall staff to acquire the necessary information needed to evaluate potential sea level rise impacts to Stonington. This information includes: flood maps, population density of areas, areas with the greatest concentration of structures (both historic and newer built), environmental biodiversity and potential for future development.
- Discussion on task force responsibility to share pertinent sea level rise impact information and comments with town committees, including planning and zoning, when relevant. Projects will be discussed at future climate change task force meetings.
- Report out on the recent Rhode Island Land and Water Conservation Summit. Support is available to serve groups which focus on the impacts of sea level rise on coastal ecosystems; this support may be beneficial as the task force assesses mitigating impacts on coastal marshland.
- Task force was contacted in regards to future potential collaborations with college students, Connecticut Sea Grant and Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA). CIRCA staff will be engaged to speak with task force at a future meeting.
- First selectmen will be contacted in regards to absentee task force members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56



Mary Ellen Mateleska